

# Clinical Congress News

The American College of Surgeons • 78th Clinical Congress • October 11-16, 1992 • New Orleans

#### **General Sessions**

#### Tuesday

#### Surgical Research and Education Panel Discussion

Designing and Conducting Clinical Trials 8:00 am in MR 39-40 in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### **General Panel Discussion**

Organ Transplantation: An Update 8:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC in the New Orleans Convention Center

### Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems Panel Discussion

The Use of Monoclonal Antibodies 8:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### **Professional Liability Panel Discussion**

Professional Liability Update: State Legislation and Medical Malpractice— What Works, What Doesn't 8:30 am in MR 26-28 in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### **General Panel Discussion**

Anorectal Suppurative Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment of Anorectal Fistula 10:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### **Correlative Clinic**

Case #1: Vascular Injuries of the Extremities: Controversies and Alternatives
Case #2: Intestinal Anastomosis: Current
State of the Art
10:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans
Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### Surgical Education in Medical Schools Panel Discussion

The Art and Humanism of Medicine: Can It Be Taught? 10:30 am in MR 13-17 in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### General Panel Discussion

The Hospital-Physician Relationship: Challenges for the Future 1:30 pm in La Louisiane Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### Papers Session I

1:30 pm in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### Trauma Symposlum

Use of New Diagnostic Techniques in the Trauma Patient 2:30 pm in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

#### General Panel Discussion

Surgery of the Esophagus: Update on Esophageal Cancer 3:30 pm in La Louisiane Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center At opening ceremony

### Physiology pioneer remembered

Floyd D. Loop, MD, FACS, presented the Opening Ceremony lecture yesterday morning, titled "Dr. George W. Crile: The Father of Physiologic Surgery." Dr. Loop is chairman, board of governors, and executive vice-president of The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH.

George W. Crile (1880-1943), a founder of the Cleveland Clinic (OH), is remembered for his landmark work in the areas of shock, transfusion, and preoperative and intraoperative assessment and monitoring. He was also an active Fellow of the College, serving as President (1916-1917) and Chairman of the Board of Regents (1916-1939).

Dr. Loop said that this turn-of-the-century U.S. physician was guided by the principle "the strength of the individual is the strength of the group," and was therefore known as a passionate and encouraging teacher and colleague.



Dr. Loo

## Surgeon involvement said to be vital in U.S. health care direction

"What you do for health care reform becomes part and parcel of how you get the economy moving again," Gail Wilensky, PhD, Washington, DC, said at yesterday's American Urological Association Lecture, "Health Care—Which Direction?" Dr. Wilensky is Deputy Assistant to the President for Policy Development.

Dr. Wilensky told the audience that although almost everyone agrees that obtaining health insurance and controlling escalating health care costs are serious problems, they do not agree on what the appropriate solutions are.

Although solutions may differ, Dr. Wilensky cautioned that it is imperative that any proposed solution involve a fully informed American public. She cited the negative outcome of the recent catastrophic health insurance legislation, which was signed into law in 1988 and was repealed in 1989. The legislation failed, Dr. Wilensky said, because the population that it was designed to benefit—the elderly—had not been adequately informed or consulted while the legislation was being drafted.

Dr. Wilensky said that "the last thing we want [when drafting health care

reform legislation] is to have to repeal."

Solving access and spending problems, Dr. Wilensky said, means determining what level of government involvement is appropriate. She said that we can choose government-run programs, which determine all expenditures and leave little room for private control, or we can choose a government incentive-based system. In an incentive-based system, she said, the government would encourage employers to provide insurance and would offer public programs for the poor, as well as assist employers and the public in making informed access and cost decisions.

In deciding which direction health care will go in the future, Dr. Wilensky said that "it is critical that the American public understand what their choices are." She also said that she hopes the public will eschew the much talked-about global health care budget, since "this is a big, diverse country," and it would be difficult to have one group determine all health care spending programs.

Dr. Wilensky concluded by implor-



Dr. Wilensky

ing the audience to become involved in ongoing dialogues with their government representatives in order to influence the course of health care in this country.

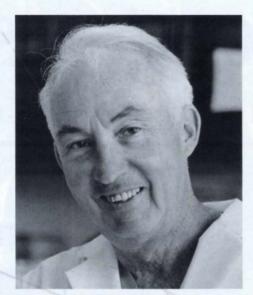
She told the physicians that they are best suited to influence how health care is organized, how it is implemented, and how dynamic it is.

## Surgical Forum XLIII dedicated to Norman Shumway

uring Tuesday morning's panel discussion, "The Use of Monoclonal Antibodies," sponsored by the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, the 43rd volume of Surgical Forum will be dedicated to Norman E. Shumway, MD, PhD, FACS. Dr. Shumway is the Frances and Charles D. Field Professor and chair, department of cardiothoracic surgery, Stanford (CA) University School of Medicine. At Stanford, he directs one of the world's most prestigious departments of cardiothoracic surgery, as well as an enormously successful heart/lung transplant program.

The Forum Committee selected Dr. Shumway as this year's dedicatee for his "enormous contributions toward the advancement of cardiac surgery and transplantation," and "for his lifelong dedication to the education of clinicians."

John E. Niederhuber, MD, FACS, Stanford, CA, wrote the Forum's dedication, in which he stated of Dr. Shumway's many accomplishments, "...perhaps the one of which he is most proud is the education and mentoring of a generation of cardiac surgeons.



Norman E. Shumway, MD, PhD

Those surgeons, some of whom are now professors and leaders in the field, carry his message of dedication, imagination, innovation, and plain hard work to all parts of the world."

The Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems has instituted an annual panel discussion on timely surgical research to be presented at the Clinical Congress. The *Surgical Forum* volume will be dedicated each year at that session.

#### **Program Changes**

Listed below are program changes made since publication of the official Program Book.

#### **General Sessions**

Tuesday's Pediatric Surgery Panel Discussion, "Vascular Access in Infants and Children: Where and When to Put What," will be in New Orleans Convention Center MR 99.

In Wednesday afternoon's Papers Session I, F. Griffith Pearson, MD, FACS, will serve as the discussant for the paper entitled "Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Downstages Patients with Stage IIIA Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer." In the same session, Ricardo L. Rossi, MD, FACS, will serve as the discussant for the paper entitled "Intraoperative Fine-Needle Aspiration of Pancreatic and Extra-Hepatic Biliary Masses."

#### **Postgraduate Courses**

Dr. Louis Sullivan, originally scheduled to participate in PG #10 Session IV on Friday, has cancelled.

Plastic Surgery PG #13 will be located in New Orleans Convention Center MR 64-66.

Vascular Surgery PG #17 has been relocated to New Orleans Convention Center MR 104.

Professional Liability PG #19 is in New

Orleans Convention Center MR 1-3 on Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14. In the same program, Paul H. Kindling, MD, FACS, will replace M. Martin Halley, MD, FACS.

#### Scientific Exhibits

B. Y. Lee, MD, FACS, the senior author of Scientific Exhibit 104, "Digital Microembolization Syndrome: Special Emphasis on Digital Salvage," was inadvertently omitted from the participant index in the Program Book. A complete listing of SE 104 may be found on page 197.

Following are exhibit booth additions:

SE 041, Classification of Neck Dissection. J. E. Medina, MD; T. K. Robbins, MD; J. Goodwin, MD; and D. Newman, MD.

SE 043, Estimating Vascular Proximity Injuries. W. R. Fry, MD.

SE 044, Stop Drunk Driving. Surgical Residents, UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

SE 156A, Society for Vascular Nursing. M. A. Ekers, RN, MS.

SE 174, Peer Review: What It Should Be and What It Is. V. S. Waite, MD, FACS; P. Rosenblit, MD; T. Patrick, MD; S. Pinhas, MD; R. A. Bolt, MD; and M. Anderson, MD.

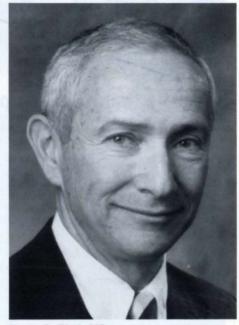
#### **Scudder Oration**

#### Dr. Thal to discuss "Out of Apathy"

The Scudder Oration on Trauma will be delivered this afternoon at 1:30 by Erwin R. Thal, MD, FACS, in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom A of the New Orleans Convention Center. Dr. Thal has titled his oration "Out of Apathy."

Dr. Thal is professor, department of surgery, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, and medical director, surgical emergency room, Parkland Memorial Hospital, both in Dallas, TX.

After receiving an MD degree (1962) from Ohio State University School of Medicine in Columbus, OH, Dr. Thal undertook postgraduate training at Parkland Memorial Hospital. In 1970 he became assistant professor at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, an affiliation lasting to the present.



Erwin R. Thal, MD

#### Cancer Lecture

#### Dr. Beahrs to discuss thyroid cancer

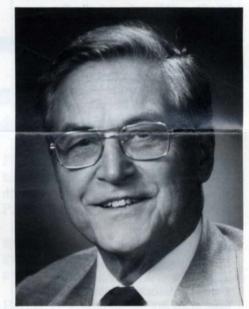
On Wednesday morning at 11:00, Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS, will present the Commission on Cancer Oncology Lecture in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC of the New Orleans Convention Center. His lecture will be about "Controversies in the Management of Thyroid Cancer."

Dr. Beahrs is professor of surgery, emeritus, at Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN.

He received an MD degree in 1942 from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, and an MS degree in 1949 from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis). He undertook postgraduate training at Evanston Hospital, and Mayo Graduate School of Medicine between 1941 and 1950. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946.

He has been affiliated with the Mayo Medical School since 1950, and in 1979 assumed his present position.

He is an active member of many medical societies, including the: American Cancer Society, American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Association of Endocrine Surgeons, American Sur-



Ollver H. Beahrs, MD

gical Association, James IV Association of Surgeons, National Institutes of Health, Society of Pelvic Surgeons, and Society of Head and Neck Surgeons. As a member of the ACS, he has served on numerous committees, and was President from 1988 to 1989.

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#### **Allied Meetings**

Please note: A number of medical school and alumni associations and surgical societies will have information booths, usually open the day of the event, in an area adjacent to the registration area in the New Orleans Convention Center.

#### Tuesday

#### Morning

**American Liver Surgery Group** 6:30 am - 7:30 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Marriott, Jackson, 5th floor.

Collegium Internationale Chirurgiae Digestivae, United States Section 6:30 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 3, 2nd floor.

**ACAS Surgeons** 

7:00 am - 8:15 am. Breakfast meeting. Westin Canal Place, Executive Room, 12th floor.

Surgical Laparoscopy and Endoscopy **Editorial Board** 

7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting. Westin Canal Place, River Room I, 12th

American College of Surgeons, Indiana Chapter

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Oak Alley, 3rd floor.

American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter, ACS Socioeconomic Committee 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting. Sheraton New Orleans, Bayside A, 4th floor.

**Panamerican Trauma Society** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Rosedown, 3rd floor.

#### Afternoon

Surgical Section/National Medical Association (SSNMA)

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Luncheon meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Versailles Ballroom, 3rd floor.

**Clinical Trials Consultancy Group** 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Meeting. Sheraton New Orleans, Estherwood, 4th floor.

**Surgical Infection Society Fellowship** Committee

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Melrose, 3rd floor.

**SAGES Corporate Council** 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 1, 1st

The Association for Surgical Education,

**Curriculum Committee** 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Meeting. New Orleans Marriott, Beauregard, 5th floor.

James IV Association of Surgeons, Inc. 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting. Inter-Continental, Pelican I, 3rd floor.

#### **Evening**

Association for Surgical Education, **Testing and Evaluation Committee** 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Meeting. New Orleans Marriott, Bonaparte, 4th floor.

**Current Practice of Surgery** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception. Inter-Continental, LaSalle B, 3rd floor.

**University of Pittsburgh** 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, Aurora, 4th floor. University of Kansas Medical Center and American College of Surgeons, Kansas Chapter

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception. Inter-Continental, Fulton, 3rd floor.

SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse, **Department of Surgery** 

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras N, 4th

Vanderbilt Medical Center

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 9/12, 1st

American College of Surgeons, Brooklyn and Long Island Chapter

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, River Room, 12th floor.

Hahnemann University, Department of **Surgery and Alumni Association** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, Bayside A, 4th floor.

**UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical** School, Department of Surgery 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 10, 1st floor.

James D. Rives Surgical Society 5:30 pm -7:30 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, Ballroom I, 12th floor.

University of California, San Diego-**Foundation for Surgical Education** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. Windsor Court, 300 Gravier St.

**University of Rochester Surgical Associates** 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Jasperwood, 3rd floor.

**Deterling Surgical Society** 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, Cotton Room, 12th floor.

**James IV Association of Surgeons** 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Reception. Inter-Continental, Pelican II, 3rd floor.

University of Louisville (KY), Department of Surgery, Alumni and Friends

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Ballroom D, 1st

**Indiana University School of Medicine Alumni Association** 

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, Grand Ballroom B, 5th floor.

**Mayo Clinic Alumni Association** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, Ballroom II, 12th floor.

Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Chartres, 5th floor.

**Tulane Department of Surgery, Tulane** Surgical Society, and Tulane Medical

**Alumni Association** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Kabby's Restaurant.

University of South Florida, Department of

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 6, 1st floor.

Creighton University, Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. Inter-Continental, Poydras, 3rd floor.

**Washington University Medical Center Alumni Association, Department of Surgery** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Oak Alley, 3rd floor.

Wayne State University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Alumni Association 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.

Westin Canal Place, Crescent Room, 11th

Akron City Hospital, Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, Executive Room, 12th

**Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association** 

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Omni Royal Hotel, 621 St. Louis St.

James D. Hardy Society, University of Mississippi, Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, Bayside B, 4th floor.

**Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center** Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Belle Chasse, 3rd floor.

University of South Alabama College of Medicine/Medical Center, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, Felicity, 4th floor.

**Northwestern Surgical Alumni** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Iberville, 4th floor.

**Albany Medical Center Surgical Alumni** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. City Club, Orleanian Room, 5th floor.

**Roswell Park Surgical Society** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie I, 2nd floor.

**Rush Surgical Society and Alumni Association of Rush Medical College** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, Estherwood, 4th floor.

Surgical Society of New York Medical

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras A, 3rd floor.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Elmwood, 3rd floor.

American College of Surgeons, Ohio **Chapter Initiates and Members** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Royal Sonesta Hotel, Outside Gardens,

Courtyard.

**UC Davis Surgical Association** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.

Westin Canal Place, Imperial Room, 12th floor.

University of Cincinnati, Department of Surgery 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.

Windsor Court Hotel, Gallery Room.

**University of Minnesota** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Mark Twain Courtyard (backup Versailles).

University of Nebraska Medical Center 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 11, 1st floor.

University of North Carolina Alumni/N. A. **Womack Surgical Society** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.

New Orleans Hilton, Magnolia, 3rd floor. University of Utah, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, Salon, 12th floor. University of Iowa, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception/dinner. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras E, 3rd

Second Annual Will C. Sealy Surgical **Society Reception** 

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras I, 4th floor.

**Malmonides Medical Center, Department** of Surgery 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.

New Orleans Marriott, Galvez, 5th floor. University of Chicago, Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception. Plimsoll Club, 2 Canal Street, World Trade Center.

Stritch School of Medicine Alumni **Association and Department of Surgery** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception. Pelican Club, 312 Exchange Alley.

**George Washington University** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.

New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 3, 2nd floor. **Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake** 

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras F, 3rd floor.

**Duke University Surgical Alumni** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Melrose, 3rd floor.

**Forest University** 

University of Toronto, Department of Surgery 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Reception.

New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 6, 2nd floor.

**Christian Medical and Dental Society** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. Sheraton New Orleans, St. Charles B, 3rd

**Boston University Medical Center Alumni** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon C, 1st floor.

McGill University, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 5, 2nd floor. American College of Surgeons, South

**Carolina Chapter** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Regent, 4th floor.

State University of New York at Buffalo. **Department of Surgery and Medical Alumni Association** 

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, La Galerie 2, 2nd floor.

University of Illinois, Department of Surgery 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Reception. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras BC, 3rd

**Ravdin-Rhoads Surgical Society** 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception. Westin Canal Place, Terrace Room, 12th floor.

Society of Philippine Surgeons in America 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception/dinner.

New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras D, 3rd floor. **Georgetown University Alumni Association** 

and Robert B. Wallace Society 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Reception.

Sheraton New Orleans, St. Charles A, 3rd

American College of Surgeons/Friends of BIII W. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 2, 1st floor.

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The ACS Regents, Officers, and Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met on Saturday for their annual portrait. Seated in the front row, from left to right, are: Ellis B. Keener, Secretary, Board of Governors; Seymour I. Schwartz, Regent; LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., ACS Secretary; James E. Bennett, ACS Second Vice-President; Ralph A. Straffon, ACS President; Alexander J. Walt, Chairman, Board of Regents; W. Gerald Austen, ACS President-Elect; Arthur J. Donovan, ACS First Vice-President; H. Bryan Neel III, ACS Treasurer; and Harold P. Freeman, Board of Governors. Second row, left to right: Hugh H. Trout III, Board of Governors; George E. Block, Chairman, Advisory Council for Surgery; George D. Wilbanks, Paul H. Ward, N. Talt McPhedran, William W. Kridelbaugh, Richard J. Field, Jr., Edward L. Seljeskog, Thomas J. Krizek, Regents; and Frank R. Lewis, Jr., Chairman, Board of Governors. Third row, left to right: Richard J. Finley, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors; Richard R. Sabo, Roger S. Foster, Jr., George W. Welnstein, David G. Murray, George F. Sheldon, Samuel A. Wells, Jr., Regents; Lloyd D. MacLean, Vice-Chairman, Board of Regents; Harvey W. Bender, Jr., Paul C. Peters, Regents; Paul A. Ebert, ACS Director; and Ronald C. Jones, Board of Governors.

#### MEETINGS, from page 3

#### **AUB Alumni Surgical Society of North America**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Reception. Inter-Continental, Pontalba, 1st floor.

#### Flushing Hospital and Medical Center, **Department of Surgery**

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Reception/dinner. Inter-Continental, Jackson, 3rd floor.

#### American Society for Surgeons of **Indian Origin**

7:00 pm. Reception/dinner. Jackson Brewery, 600 Decatur St., 4th floor.

#### Chirurgio

7:15 pm - 8:15 pm. Reception. New Orleans Hilton, Rosedown, 3rd

#### **University of Maryland Surgical** Society/American College of Surgeons, Maryland Chapter

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Joint reception. New Orleans Marriott, Bacchus, 4th floor.

#### American College of Surgeons, Puerto Rico Chapter

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm. Reception. Inter-Continental, LaSalle C, 3rd floor.

#### James IV Association of Surgeons, Inc. 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Dinner.

Inter-Continental, Acadian, 3rd floor.

#### **AUB Alumni Surgical Society of North America**

9:30 pm - 12:00 am. Dinner. Inter-Continental, Cabildo, 1st floor.

#### Wednesday

#### Morning

#### Societe Internationale de Chirurgie (International Society of Surgery) Membership

6:45 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Versailles Ballroom, 3rd floor.

#### **Association of Iranian Surgeons**

6:45 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras A, 3rd floor.

#### **SURGERY Editorial Board**

7:00 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon 10, 1st floor.

#### **New England Association of Program Directors in Surgery**

7:00 am - 9:00 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Belle Chasse, 3rd floor.

#### **Association of Women Surgeons**

7:00 am - 11:00 am. Breakfast meeting. New Orleans Hilton, Grand Salon C, 1st

#### **Tripler General Surgery Program**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Luncheon. Westin Canal Place, River Room, 12th

#### PG course to assess cancer in special populations

Beginning this morning, PG #10, entitled "Cancers in Special Populations," will begin in La Louisiane Ballroom A of the Convention Center. The course offers four sessions that cover the following six subjects: "Major Cancers in Ethnic Groups-Site Specific Differences," "Cancer in Other Special Populations," "Cancer and Socioeconomic Status," "Black/White Survival Differences," "Socioeconomic Factors and Cancer Risk," and "Future Directions in Defining and Addressing the Cancer Burden in Special Populations."

Further information and scheduled speakers are listed in the Clinical Congress Program Book beginning on page 84.

The co-chairmen of PG #10 are Harold P. Freeman, MD, FACS, and LaSalle D. Leffall, MD, FACS.

#### Registration totals

As of Monday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 12,376. Of that number, 5,217 were physicians and 7,159 were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress News with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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